



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Commercial Alarm Combo Panel		
Code Section(s)	NFPA 72 (2002) 6.8.4.1 CFC (2001) 1006.3.2		
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Question: Can a combination Fire Alarm and Burglar Alarm System be installed in California?

Yes, a combination fire alarm and burglar alarm system is allowed to be installed in California where:

- a) the fire alarm control unit is approved and listed for such purpose by the California State Fire Marshal,
- b) the combination fire alarm / burglar alarm system is designed and installed in accordance with NFPA 72 and California Fire Code
- c) and provided the local jurisdiction allows the use of combination fire alarm / burglar alarm systems.

Note: NFPA 72 (2002) Sections 6.8.4.1 and 6.8.4.2 allow fire alarm systems to share components, equipment, circuitry and common wiring with non-fire alarm systems. Section 6.8.4.3 however, specifies that fault conditions (shorts, open circuits or grounds) in the non-fire alarm equipment or connections shall not interfere with the overall fire alarm system operation (initiation, notification, fire safety function, transmission of signals or monitoring of circuits).